

Amendments to the Specification

Above paragraph [0001] on page 1 of the specification, please replace the Title with the following rewritten Title:

THERMOPLASTIC-TYPE COVERING SYSTEMS WITH PRE-APPLIED ADHESIVE

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is another object of the present invention to provide a roofing flashing with a pre-applied adhesive that may be used in a variety of covering systems for building structures.

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 1 illustrates in simplified form a section of a roofing system employing a pre-applied adhesive constructed in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the invention;

Please replace paragraph number [0019] with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 8 illustrates in simplified form a section of a covering system employing a pre-applied adhesive constructed in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the invention in which a covering system is applied to the underside of the upper interior portion of a tunnel.

Please replace paragraph [0042], with the following rewritten paragraph:

In one preferred embodiment, the present invention provides a roofing system in which all of the components include a pre-applied adhesive, thereby providing a thermoplastic-type roofing system without the need for any hot air welds. Such a roofing system may be simple enough to install by non-professionals on jobs such as carport repair, mobile home re-roofing, *etc.* Even if hot air welding is used to weld together roofing membranes, using peripherals that employ pre-applied adhesives greatly speeds up installation time of roofing peripherals.

Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 1 illustrates a section of a roofing system 102, employing a pre-applied adhesive, mounted on a roof substrate 104. Roofing system 102 includes a roofing membrane 112, a roofing membrane 114 that overlaps roofing membrane 112 at an overlap region 116, a flashing 118, a pipe boot 120, and a walkway pad 122. Roof substrate 104 includes a roof deck 124 and an insulation board 126 held on roof deck 124 by short screws 128 and 130 and long screws 134, 136 and 138. Bordering roof deck 104 is a vertical wall 142 and extending through roof deck 104 is a vertical pipe 144.

Please replace paragraph [0047], with the following rewritten paragraph:

Preferred pipe boots may have a configuration employing a pre-applied adhesive that allows the pipe boot to be adhered to a roofing membrane by removing a release liner and adhering the exposed adhesive to the roofing membrane. Suitable pipe boots include the EPDM or TPO Peel & Stick™ pipe boots, with included clamping rings, made by GenFlex™.

Please replace paragraph [0050] with the following rewritten paragraph:

Preferably, a roofing membrane used in a roofing system of the present invention is a roofing membrane in which a pressure sensitive adhesive that is pre-applied to at least one side of the membrane is protected by a release liner made of any suitable release liner material such as waxed paper, plastic, etc. treated with a release agent. Using a pressure sensitive adhesive and release liner allows easier storage and transportation of a roofing membrane.

Please replace paragraph [0051] with the following rewritten paragraph:

Although pressure sensitive adhesives are only shown as being on a backside of the roofing membranes in FIG. 1, one or more sections of an upper side of the roofing

membrane may also include a pressure sensitive adhesive. By removing a release liner on the pressure sensitive adhesive sections of an upper side of the roofing membrane, peripherals that do not have adhesives may be mounted on the roofing membrane. For example, if the roofing membrane 114 in FIG. 1 had included a section with a pre-applied adhesive on the upper side of the roofing membrane, the walkway pad mounted on the roofing membrane would not require its own pressure sensitive adhesive.